GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR CARGO TRAFFIC
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sea freight and express industry are increasingly turning out to be a serious threat to air Cargo;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make air cargo more attractive and efficient;

(c) the anticipated annual rate of growth of air cargo traffic in the country in the coming decade; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to further increase the air cargo services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b),(c) & (d):- No, Sir. The Air Cargo handled during the last five years at the four metro airports of Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata has shown a growth of 3.73%. As per Export Promotion Board guidelines, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has extended the working hours to facilitate air cargo during normal working days and on holidays w.e.f. 24.09.2001 at the four metro airports besides simplification of clearance procedures by AAI and Customs. Annual growth rate of over 7% in the air cargo traffic at our metro airports in the coming decade is anticipated. AAI in order to facilitate air cargo traffic through its four metro airports has created requisite infrastructure facilities.